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SUBJECT: JUNE VISIT OF EUROPEANS TO DISCUSS INMARSAT.

FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAYMOND J. WALDMANN

1. REALIZE YOU ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN MATTERS OTHER THAN MARITIME SATELLITES BUT WISH INFORM YOU OF PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR JUNE VISIT. ASSUMING THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT IS CONSULTATIONS REGARDING PROMISED EUROPEAN EFFORT TO BREAK APART POE DRAFT CONVENTION INTO TWO AGREEMENTS (PROBABLY ALONG LINES OF U.S. ARTICLES SUBMITTED AT LONDON), THEN SEYERSTED'S PRESENCE IS UNDERSTANDABLE. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE OF DETAILED LEGAL NATURE AND WOULD NOT APPEAR TO GREATLY INTEREST JAENICKE OR MELLON. THEREFORE, THEIR PURPOSE IN COMING IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING.

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2. ON ASSUMPTION THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT IS CONSULTATIONS

AND NOT NEGOTIATIONS, U.S. TEAM THAT PRODUCED TWO DRAFT AGREEMENTS WILL LOOK AT ARTICLES RELATING TO ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL FUNCTIONS AND POWERS AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON LANGUAGE EMBODIED IN MELLON'S PLENARY STATEMENT ON LAST DAY. REGARDING PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, TEAM WILL MAKE USE OF BRITISH DRAFT WHICH U.S. IN PRINCIPLE VIEWS AS AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR FURTHER WORK. TEAM WILL MAKE SOME MINOR ALTERATIONS IN BRITISH TEXT REFLECTING U.S. RESERVATIONS STATED IN ALL-NIGHT SESSION. SHOULD EUROPEANS VIEW VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO SEEK CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY REGARDING PROCUREMENT PROVISION. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF VISIT.

3. U.S. TEAM IN ANY EVENT IS NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO RAISE ITSELF OR REQUEST FRG-UK-GON GROUP TO REDRAFT WITHDRAWAL PROVISION, THAT IS, TO EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF USG MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATION DURING FIRST THREE YEARS SHOULD DESIGNATED ENTITY DEFAULT. TEAM BELIEVES IF TOPIC IS RAISED IN CONTEXT OF POE DRAFT, WE SHOULD RESERVE OUR POSITION. OTP WILL INITIATE EXAMINATION OF POLICY ISSUE. OTP ALSO INTENDS TO INITIATE PROBABLY NEXT WEEK A REVIEW OF THE SAFETY ISSUE.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION ON EUROPEANS' TRAVEL PLANS OTHER THAN APPROXIMATE DATES MENTIONED TO YOU IN LONDON. KISSINGER

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